

SPORTS FRONT

No Excuse For This

By KEN MACPHAIL

Over the past few days, there have been a couple of incidents involving hockey players which deserve mention, since it is possible that at least one of the culprits will find himself facing a life suspension.

In an Eastern Hockey League game Friday night, centre Danny Patrick on the Johnstown Jets, after being called for a tripping infraction, charged the referee, knocked him down, and smashed him with his stick. The extent of the injuries to the referee, Ed Pantalone, were not known, and the hospital listed him as being only in "fair" condition.

In a similar, but not so serious case in a game in the Western League, the same night, California Seas' Ron Harries drew a game misconduct for throwing his stick at referee Will Papp, and the coach of the team, Rudy Pilous, scuffled with the goal judge after an apparent goal was disallowed.

It is too to be noted, and thankfully so, that incidents of this nature are relatively rare, and mayhap, be it during a sports event or not, will receive the wrath it so justly deserves.

We can understand players getting hot under the collar in the heat of competition, but not to the extent exhibited here, and for a coach to physically involve himself in an altercation with one of those who are there to see that things go smoothly, is the last straw. Besides getting his team "up" for a contest, it's the coaches job to demonstrate sportsmanship, and with the demonstration put on by Pilous, it's not much wonder that pandemonium would result.

BERNIE LOVES CHEERS

Bernard "Boom Boom" Geoffrion is probably one of the "hammiest" players in the National Hockey League. At 35, he is trying desperately to make his comeback to the big time a successful one, and after having been put on waivers by the Montreal Canadiens, a team that he scored 371 goals in 14 seasons, he is going about his task with an almost deadly vengeance.

Geoffrion, who is receiving \$25,000 for working in New York this season, says "I don't intend to go out as a bum. I will go out as a man who has scored nearly 400 goals. If I can't keep scoring, don't worry. I'll know when it's time to quit."

No athlete has ever lasted after the acclaim of the crowd as does the Boomer, and his hot-headedness has not let him either. In the first practice at training camp, a 21-year-old rookie named Bobby Ash took the puck away from Geoffrion, and Boomer was so angry at the kid's having made a fool of him, that he crooked Ash into the boards, cutting him for four stitches. The star later apologized.

If pride has anything to do with making a National League comeback, Bernie Geoffrion will be around for some time to come.

THIS AND THAT

The results of Saturday night's game rocked us back on our heels, and we promise that any future attempts at prognostication will be much more fully thought over. The rise of the Rangers this year can be termed as nothing other than fantastic, and although they've had mis-season surges in years past, it now looks as if the Broadway Blueshirts are going to be right up there in the thick of things when the current season draws to a halt.

MINOR HOCKEY RESULTS

The following are the results of play in Charlottetown Minor Hockey League play for week ending Saturday, Dec. 17th:

- PEE WEE: Rams 3 - Ronnie Fisher, Carl Trainer (2); Bisons 1 - Ronnie Sobey; Lions 3 - Tommy Trainer, Robert Turner, Kevin Devine; Coyotes 1 - Mervin Power, Billy MacDonald, Frank Hennessey, Garth Reeves (2); Mohawks 5 - Mike Conway, Barry Doucette (2), Jackie Kipping, Blair Crosby; Indians - George Wigmore (5), Jim O'Connor, Phil Claybourne (7); Clippers 0; Comets 5 - George Rogers (2), Donnie Murtaghan (2), Donny Grant; Bisons 5 - Donnie Gallant, Glen MacDearmaid (2), Jerry Peters, Lee Smith; MIDGET-JUVENILE: Canadiens 9 - Angus Beck (2), Colin Younker (2), Robert Stewart, Webur Birt, Bobby MacMillan, Peter Williams, David Murtaghan; Black Hawks 14 - Tom Cassin (3), Bobby Doherty (3), Paul Stanley (3); Bisons 9 - Lorne MacDonald (2), Wayne Beaton, Roger Frizzell (3), Danny Taylor, Eugene Power (2); Maple Leafs 2 - Pat Griffin, Richard Young; Rangers 5 - Kenny Doiron, Blair Mayne, Paul Turner, Gorie Power, Ron Peters; Red Wings 3 - Robin Hood, David Flemming, Winston Weatherbie; Royals 14 - Doug Doiron (2), Louis Docherty (3), Glen MacInnis (3), Gary Ready, David Clay (2), Donnie Dowling (2), Frank MacIntyre; Bruins 6 - Mike Duffy (2), Eddie Power (2), Doug Bell (2); SCHEDULE: The following is the Charlottetown Minor Hockey League schedule for some divisions with the balance of the schedule to appear in Friday morning's Guardian:

- BANTAM: Monday, Dec. 19th - 5:30 p.m. - Hornets vs Indians; 6:30 p.m. - Blades vs Bisons; Tuesday, Dec. 20th - 6:30 - Bisons and Mohawks practice; Wednesday, Dec. 21st - 6:15 p.m. - Clippers vs Aces; 7:15 p.m. - Comets vs Mohawks; MIDGET-JUVENILE: Tuesday, Dec. 20th - 5 p.m. - Midget Canadiens practice; Saturday, Dec. 24th - 12:15 p.m. - Rangers vs Maple Leafs. Note: The balance of the Midget-Juvenile schedule will appear in Friday morning's Guardian. PAPERWEIGHT AND MOSQUITO SKATE: Tuesday, Dec. 20th - 4 to 5 p.m. - Skate for all Paperweights and Mosquitoes. 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. - Paperweight all-star practice.

Halifax Juniors Win 12-3, 14-4

HALIFAX (CP) - Halifax Junior Canadiens drubbed Trois Rivieres Maple Leafs of the Quebec Provincial Hockey League 14-4 in an exhibition game here Sunday afternoon.

The Halifax club trounced the Quebecers 12-3 in another exhibition game Saturday. Boss Boney led the Halifax scoring Sunday with three goals, while Archie MacDonald, Jim Reid and Bobby Sheehan accounted for two each. Ken Brown, Fraser Rice, Bob White-lock, Bob Gaudet and Fred Sinclair each scored once for the home team. Rene Robert, Michel Gelinas, Jean-Marie Nicol and Gary Brown were the scorers for Trois Rivieres.

In Saturday's game, Whitlock paced the Junior Habs with four goals, while MacDonald got two. Rice, Boney, Norm Gilmond, Fred Harvey, Kevin Smith and Bill Dickie tallied once each.

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DETROIT RED Wings' goalie Roger Crozier falls to ice with a kick and throws up stick to deflect a shot by New York Rangers in game at Detroit last night. Detroit's Leo Boivin blocks the path of New York's Oriand Kurtenback (26) as he tries to come in for the rebound. (AP Wirephoto)

Boston, Chicago Win 3-1, Wings Bomb Rangers 5-0

BOSTON (CP) - Johnny McKenzie, hit by a series of penalties in the first two periods, scored what proved to be the winning goal in the third and set up another as Boston Bruins beat Montreal Canadiens 3-1 in a National Hockey League game Sunday night.

It was Boston's first victory in 11 games and kept them a step ahead of last-place Detroit Red Wings, who beat league-leading New York Rangers 5-0 Sunday.

The Bruins, who had managed only a pair of ties during the long victory famine, out-battled the Canadiens, whose winless streak was extended to four games in a hard-hitting duel.

McKenzie minor, major (37), Smith minor, misconduct 2:26, Stewart 3:31, Backstrom 6:50, Provost 7:33, Rousseau 18:14.

Second period - No scoring. Penalties - Harris 2:29, McKenzie minor, misconduct 7:04, Ferguson, Martin 11:27.

Third period - Boston, McKenzie 7 (Parise, Martin) 5:37; 4 - Boston, Schock 6 (Parise, McKenzie) 12:32. Penalties - Westfall, Provost 8:44, Balon minor, misconduct 9:36, McKenzie 13:25, Ferguson 16:43, Green 18:50.

Shots on goal by Montreal 9 9 15-33 Boston 12 9 6-27

CHICAGO (CP) - Linemates Stan Mikita, Ken Wharram and Doug Mohns each scored a goal Sunday night as Chicago Black Hawks defeated Toronto Maple Leafs 3-1 and moved into a tie for first place with New York Rangers in the National Hockey League.

Mikita, Mohns and defenceman Pierre Pilote set up a three-way pass pattern that ended with Mikita driving a 15-footer behind Leafs' goalie Gary Smith, playing his first game with Toronto since being recalled from Rochester of the American League.

Red Kelly tied the score for the Leafs in the first minute of the second period, jamming a rebound behind Hawk goalie Glenn Hall from the crease.

But less than eight minutes later, Mohns knocked the puck into the net from a scramble in front of the goal to put the Hawks ahead to stay.

Wharram closed the scoring late in the period with his 18th goal of the season. Penalties - Douglas 5:25, Angold 7:38, Bann 11:06, Hodge 17:13.

Second period - 2 Toronto, Kelly 7 (Jeffrey, Ellis) 2:23; 3 Chicago, Mohns 5 (Mikita, Wharram) 6:06; 4 Chicago, Wharram 16 (Mohns, Stapleton) 17:52. Penalties - Shack 10:50, Pronovost 17:04.

Third period - No scoring. Penalties - Jarrett 5:08, Shack 8:32, 13:17, Maki 13:17, Mahovich 16:34.

Shots on goal by Toronto 5 11 8-21 Chicago 18 13 10-38 Attendance 16,668

DETROIT (CP) - Centre Alex Delvecchio and winger Bruce MacGregor each scored twice as Detroit Red Wings hammered New York Rangers 5-0 Sunday night to snap the first-place Rangers' five-game winning streak.

Detroit goalie Roger Crozier was at his acrobatic best behind a tight defence, getting his second shutout in a row and his

fourth of the season-tops in the league. The last-place Red Wings dominated play in every period as they out shot New York 44-22.

Delvecchio scored his first goal midway through the first period. MacGregor scored less than two minutes later.

MacGregor got his second early in the second period and Delvecchio padded the lead near the middle of the third.

CLOSE SCORING: Floyd Smith tacked on the final Red Wing goal at 12:15. MacGregor's first goal came when he took a pass from Andy Bathgate, skated in alone on Ed Giacomin and beat him from a foot out.

Delvecchio's first came when he popped a bouncing rebound into the net. MacGregor's second was a converted rebound as was Delvecchio's as the New York defence had trouble clearing the puck out of its own zone.

SUMMARY: First period - 1. Detroit, Delvecchio 6 (Howe) 9:48; 2. Detroit, MacGregor 6 (Bathgate) 11:29. Penalties - B. Marshall 4:56, Watson 16:39. Second period - 3. Detroit, MacGregor 7 (Mahovich, Bergman) 4:32. Penalties - Radfield 2:27, Bergman 16:46. Third period - 4. Detroit, Delvecchio 7 (Hampson, Howe) 8:24; 5. Detroit, Smith 4 (MacDonald, Bergman) 12:16. Penalties - Howell 12:36. Shots on goal by New York 13 5 4-22 Detroit 18 15 19-44 Attendance 14,588

Three Aces Receive Suspensions

SUMMERSIDE - Three Pope Motor Aces hockey players have been suspended for one game following Friday night's incident during a game between Summerside and Borden.

The three were involved in a players-fans outbreak at the 15:12 mark of the second period. The referee - Ira Creelman - suspended play at this point and finished the period just prior to the start of the third.

The three who were suspended by Island Intermediate Hockey League President Herb Schurman were Gerald Smith, Sterling Trainer, and Wayne Trainer, who were given game misconducts in the future.

The suspension will be served Tuesday night when Aces entertain league leading Charlottetown Royals.

Mr. Schurman added that future incidents of this nature will be treated more severely.

The Summerside Pope Motor Aces bench spilled onto the ice following the initial flareup between Smith and Cutcliffe. Aces won the game, 6-3, over Borden Legion Nationals, to take over sole possession of second place.

President Schurman also admitted that the league was trying many ways of achieving a balance, and that although the idea to pick up two strong players from Charlottetown Royals fell through, other measures were being sought out.

Brewer Leads Nats To Win Over Selects

VANCOUVER (CP) - Canada's national hockey team, with former NHL star Carl Brewer leading the way, overwhelmed Moscow Selects 7-3 in an exhibition game Sunday.

A crowd of 5,000 saw Brewer set up the first Canadian goal on a pass to Marshall Johnston as the Nationals jump to a 3-1 lead after a rough, penalty-studded period.

Johnston and Morris Mott led the Canadian attack with two goals each while Ray Cadieux, Bill MacMillan and Fran Beck added the others.

Victor Yeroslavtsev replied with two for Moscow and Alexander Yakushev got the other. Brewer, playing his first game with the Nationals since reinstatement as an amateur, controlled the game every time he was on the ice and wound up setting up two of Canada's goals.

Both teams meet again tonight in Victoria.

The Russians got six of the 19 penalties called against them during the game in the first, four in the dying minutes of the period. There were eight calls against Canada.

ARGUES CALL: The first-period penalties followed frayed tempers after Yakushev complained bitterly about a penalty call against Valentine Markov for boarding a Canadian player.

Yakushev was assessed a penalty less than a minute later for high sticking and Alexander Makarov was next for jostling during a faceoff.

Play quietened in the second, Canada outscoring Russia 3-1. Frank Huck, formerly a stand-out with the Junior Regina Pats,

scored a third-period goal disputed by the Selects. He stick-handled the puck down the ice and slipped it past goalie Alexander Pashkov's pads.

The Russians complained to the goal judge, but it was ruled that the puck crossed the red line before Pashkov could sweep it clear.

Ken Broderick in the Canadian net came up with 15 saves; one a spectacular slide across the goalmouth in the first period to stop a close-in shot.

Pashkov stopped 28 shots.

Winter Games Team Selected

Saturday at Colonel Gray Senior High School the final elimination tournaments for the Prince Edward Island Winter Games Badminton Team were completed.

In the men's singles F-O W. Harrison defeated W. Blanchard 15-4, 8-15 and 15-2. Sibill Cutcliffe won the women's singles over Cathy Hopkins.

The mixed team of Blanchard and Brown defeated the team of MacDonald and Raynor 15-4, 15-7.

Following are the listings of the P.E.I. Winter Games Badminton Team: Men's Singles - F-O William Harrison. CFB Summerside. Men's Doubles - Corporal Darrell Matthews and Corporal Gordon MacLean, CFB Summerside. Ladies' Singles - Mrs. Sibill Cutcliffe, Charlottetown Club. Ladies' Doubles - Mrs. R. Harrod and Mrs. C. Morrison, Summerside Club. Mixed Doubles - Miss C. Brown and W. Blanchard, Charlottetown Club.

Cowboys Capture Title; Colts, Eagles To Playoff

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Dallas Cowboys clinched the Eastern Conference title and Baltimore Colts and Philadelphia Eagles won advancement to the Playoff Bowl in Miami Jan. 9 in National Football League action during the weekend.

Cleveland Browns defeated St. Louis Cardinals 38-10 Saturday to give Dallas its conference championship. The Cowboys barely managed to get up enough steam to beat last-place New York Giants 17-7 Sunday.

Dallas and Green Bay Packers play Jan. 1 for the league championship. In other Sunday games, Baltimore downed San Francisco 49ers 30-14 to nail down second place in the west and Philadelphia beat Washington Redskins 37-28 to share second place in the east with Cleveland. Philadelphia will represent the east in the Bowl playoff because the Browns played in it more recently.

Washington pulled an on-side kick and it was recovered by the Redskins John Burrell. Charlie Taylor fumbled after catching a Sonny Jurgensen pass and it was picked up by Harold Wells for 60 yards and the touchdowns that put the game out of Washington's reach.

At Los Angeles, Green Bay Packers beat Rams 27-23. Pittsburgh Steelers downed Atlanta Falcons 57-33 and Chicago Bears whipped Minnesota Vikings 41-28.

At St. Louis, Cleveland spotted the Cardinals a 10-point lead, then roared back to victory on the passing of Frank Ryan.

The loss was the fourth in the last five games for St. Louis. The game was marred by a brief fight in the fourth quarter. Walter Roberts of Cleveland and Bobby Williams of St. Louis were ejected during the fracas. It started after Williams tackled Roberts on a pass play at the sidelines in front of the Browns' bench.

At New York, Dallas showed little of the drive that had made it the highest-scoring team in the NFL. The Cowboys' only score in the first three quarters came when defensive end Gary Wood passed and went six yards for a touchdown.

At San Francisco, Johnny Unitas threw four touchdown passes, ranging up to 61 yards, in propelling Baltimore to victory. Unitas opened the scoring with an 11-yard toss to veteran end Ray Berry. Then he clicked on throws of 18 to John Mackey, 61 to Jimmy Orr and 31 to Willie Richardson.

Besides Unitas' serial wizardry, the Colts' defence proved solid. Linbacker Denny Gault intercepted a pass to thwart the first 49ers threat and recovered two fumbles.

The Rams caught fire in the final three minutes and scored two touchdowns to go with a record three field goals kicked by Bruce Gossett. They were for 36, 30 and 17 yards and brought his total for the season to 23, breaking the NFL record of 23 set in 1963 by Lou Michaels with Pittsburgh.

At Atlanta, Bill Nelson passed for 34 yards in leading Pittsburgh-to-victory-as-the-Packers closed out their first NFL campaign. The sharpshooting Steeler quarterback tossed touchdown passes to Ray Jefferson and Gary Ballman. He hit on 17 of 25 throws in the game.

Sayers, who carried 17 times, boosted his season rushing total to 1,231 yards and topped two Bear records made by Rick Casares in 1966. The marks were 190 yards rushing in one game and 1,154 for the season. Sayers' previous rushing high was 172 yards against Atlanta three weeks ago.

ROYALS REJECT PROPOSED DEAL: SUMMERSIDE - Remember the reported million-dollar deal that was going to materialize for Frank Mahovlich by the Chicago Black Hawks? Well, a rumored "deal" in the Island Intermediate Hockey League may even top that one.

Would you believe Angle Carroll to Borden Nationals, or Albie Flanagan to Summerside Pope Motor Aces? Well, would you believe that the suggestion was put forth in order to balance the Island Intermediate Hockey League?

The league, in an attempt to balance the three teams, are said to have approached Randy Prizel with the proposition, but were turned down, when the two players involved were not interested.

The league executive have apparently abandoned those key Royals players for the time being and are now concentrating on other ways of evening up the three-team circuit.

Regardless of their decision, it is expected that a solution may be forthcoming in the very near future, hopefully just after Christmas, when all three teams will have the week off from scheduled play.

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